



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT
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Program Announcement

**The Role of Judges in Managing Juvenile Sex Offense Cases:
Keys to Informed Decision Making**

Seminar & Webcast
February 23, 2006
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Michigan Hall of Justice
Lansing, Michigan

INTRODUCTION

Juveniles who commit sex offenses pose a variety of unique challenges to juvenile and family courts nationwide. However, to date, no comprehensive training curriculum tailored to address the specific needs and questions of juvenile and family court judges has been developed on this special issue. The State Justice Institute – in collaboration with the Center for Effective Public Policy and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges – is very pleased to announce that the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) has been selected through a competitive process to participate in a national project to develop a model judicial education training curriculum on juvenile sex offender management. MJI is one of three venues across the nation where the training curriculum will be piloted.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

Developed and delivered by distinguished members of the judiciary and experts in the field of juvenile sex offender management, this innovative one-day training program will provide judges from Michigan's Family Division of Circuit Court a unique opportunity to gain practical and vital information that can enhance their day-to-day decision making in juvenile sex offense cases. The event will be tailored to address the specific needs of the judicial audience from Michigan and designed to promote open exchange and discussion between participants and the faculty regarding common challenges and creative solutions. Key topics will include:

- Making sense of specialized assessment, treatment, and supervision approaches from the perspective of the bench;
- Tailoring court dispositions to match each juvenile's unique needs and level of risk, and to build upon their internal and external strengths and assets;
- Understanding the different risk factors associated with general juvenile delinquency and juvenile sex offending behavior;

- Managing the challenges of family reunification and preservation when victims and perpetrators are in the same home; and
- Exploring the multiple, critical roles of the judiciary in ongoing juvenile sex offender management efforts.

The national faculty members for this day-long session will include:

- Mr. Kurt M. Bumby, Ph.D., Senior Manager, Center for Effective Public Policy, Columbia, Missouri;
- The Honorable Deanne Darling, Clackamas County Circuit Court, Oregon City, Oregon; and
- Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, Senior Manager, Center for Effective Public Policy, Silver Spring, Maryland.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

All judges serving in the Family Division of Circuit Court are eligible to attend the on-site seminar. Other judges, referees, court administrators, probation officers, and caseworkers may view the live or archived webcast.

LODGING AND MEALS

Double-occupancy lodging, assigned by MJI, will be provided at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel for the evening of February 22nd for all participants whose office is located outside a 65-mile radius of the seminar site.

If a single room is requested, the participant is responsible for the additional lodging room cost. Please make the appropriate lodging request on the attached application form. Facility space constraints do not allow MJI to make any arrangements for lodging of spouses, family, or friends of seminar participants.

Participants will be provided with refreshments (coffee/tea) and a complimentary luncheon. All other meals and incidental expenditures, including mileage, telephone calls, and entertainment, are the responsibility of each individual or his/her governmental funding unit.

PARKING

MJI is able to extend free parking vouchers to seminar participants. You will need to bring the ticket you receive when you enter the lot into the program to exchange for the free parking voucher.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Michigan Hall of Justice accommodates persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please indicate your needs on the attached application form.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration for on-site attendance: Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in attending this program at the Hall of Justice in Lansing, please complete the attached application and fax to MJI as indicated on the form.

Registration for LIVE Webcast:

Access the MJI website at <http://courts.michigan.gov/mji/>.
Click on "Seminars" and choose "Webcasts" from the drop-down menu.
Click on "Schedule of Upcoming Programs."
Click on "Managing Juvenile Sex Offense Cases."
Click on "Register" in the description box to the left.
Complete the form as requested and click on "Submit."
You will receive a webcast "PIN number" five days prior to the program.

NOTE: Please test your computer for webcast compatibility using the "test" option on the MJI web page OR simply try viewing one of the archived MJI programs. If you experience technical difficulties, please call the you-niversity.com help desk @ 1-877-867-7300.

If you register for the webcast, you do NOT need to complete the attached registration form. Those viewing the archived webcast AFTER the seminar (i.e., after February 23, 2006) do NOT need to register in advance but will need to contact MJI to obtain a password to access the archived webcast.

Large Group Viewing of Webcast

If your court is interested in setting up a room to accommodate a large group for webcast viewing and you require technical assistance, please contact your court's network administrator AND/OR Cathy Weitzel at weitzelc@courts.mi.gov for further information. ONE person needs to register on-line as a representative for the viewing group. Information pertaining to the webcast will be e-mailed to the registered representative.

CONFIRMATION

Applicants for webcast participation will be e-mailed a PIN number five days prior to the date of the program.

Applicants for on-site attendance will be mailed a confirmation letter detailing specific on-site registration information.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the webcast technology, please contact Cathy Weitzel at weitzelc@courts.mi.gov or call (517) 373-7510. If you have questions concerning the program or the application process, please call Tobin L. Miller, Publications/Program Manager, at (517) 373-7520 or Tricia Shaver, Program Assistant, at (517) 373-7452 or by e-mail at millert@courts.mi.gov or shavert@courts.mi.gov

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Friday, January 27, 2006

On-Site Registration Form

Michigan Judicial Institute

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February 23, 2006

Hall of Justice Conference Center
Lansing, Michigan

Name: _____ Title: _____

Court Name/Number: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number:(_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Lodging Policy

The Institute will provide double-occupancy lodging at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel for all participants whose courts are located more than 65 miles from the seminar site. All rooms are double-occupancy and will be assigned roommates by MJI. If you would like a single-occupancy room, you will be required to pay approximately \$40.00, plus tax, per night at the time of checkout. Please indicate your accommodations preference below. Room reservations must be made with MJI by Friday, January 27, 2006.

Our programs are offered at facilities that accommodate persons with disabilities. Therefore, if you require special accommodations, please indicate your needs below.

Lodging Accommodations

- ☐ I **will not** require lodging.
- ☐ I **will** require lodging for the evening of February 22, 2006
- ☐ I **prefer a single-occupancy room. (I will pay approximately \$40.00, plus tax)**
- ☐ I **prefer a double-occupancy room. (MJI pays and will assign a roommate.)**
- ☐ I am a smoker ☐ I am a non-smoker

Preferred Roommate: _____ Court: _____

Accommodations Guarantee

If MJI does not receive a credit card number, your room will **NOT** be guaranteed. Rooms not guaranteed will be released by the hotel at 5:00 p.m. To guarantee, please provide the following credit card information.

- ☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Diners Club ☐ Visa ☐ Discover
- ☐ Other: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Lodging Cancellation

MJI arranges guaranteed room reservations based on your request. If you do not call the hotel and cancel your reservations by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the reservation, the cost of the room will be charged by the hotel to the credit card account you have provided.

Signature of Applicant _____

_____ Date

Chief Judge Signature _____

_____ Date

Return completed and **SIGNED** Registration Form by Friday, January 27, 2006 to: Tricia Shaver

Fax: (517) 373-7615